

RESOLUTION NUMBER 29

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the untimely passing of Roderick G. King, who was popularly known as “Dr. Jockenstein,” on Monday, April 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Roderick was born on February 11, 1952 to Evelyn King and Richard Prude and grew up in East St. Louis where he graduated in 1969 from East St. Louis Senior High School and attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale; and

WHEREAS, Roderick was known for the white glasses he wore and he always said he was the “doctor operating on your mind” when his big, bass voice was booming across the airwaves; and

WHEREAS, Roderick worked at several local radio stations during his career which began in the 1970s and he was a disc jockey and program director for KATZ-FM in the 1980s and early 1990s, and he did a morning show on KATZ-AM and a popular Roll Call show; and

WHEREAS, Roderick was inducted into the St. Louis Radio Hall of Fame in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Roderick won the hearts of fans and friends with his bigger-than-life personality.

WHEREAS, Roderick leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Idella King, four daughters; Tamika Harvey, Dewaynna Mosley, Maleania Nabe and Tiffany King, two sons; Tremaine Fields and Jerrick King, a brother, Lamont King, a sister, Shirley King and 16 grandchildren and countless friends and admirers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many contributions of Roderick G. “Rod” King to the citizens of the City of St. Louis, and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation to the King family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of May, 2007 by:

Honorable Gregory Carter, Alderman 27th Ward

Adopted this the 7th day of May 2007 as attested by: